

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 08, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Mayor Wear called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, Commissioner Whaley, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell and interested citizens. Vice Mayor McClure, City Manager Teaster, and Assistant City Manager Brackins were absent.

Mayor Wear opened the meeting and Commissioner Ogle led in the pledge of allegiance.

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Commissioner Ogle and second to motion by Commissioner Whaley.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

No comments were received.

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Ordinance No. 2023-1147 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcel 07.01 of tax map 073 from R-1 (low density residential) district to C-6 (mixed use commercial) district was presented on the first reading. Community Development Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-1148 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning tax map 094E, group D, parcel 10.01 from R-2 (high density residential) district to C-6 (mixed use commercial) district was presented on the first reading. Community Development Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-1149 to amend the City of Pigeon Forge Municipal Code by amending title 2, chapter 3, special events and site plan regulations for special events, festivals and similar activity uses and title 9 chapter 2, administrative review by specified departments or planning commission was presented on the first reading. Community Development Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

Resolution No. 2023-920 amending the annexation of certain properties known as Henderson Springs Road to include parcel 116.01 at tax map 082 was presented for approval. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 2023-921 authorizing application to the Tennessee State Building Commission requesting a modification to the Pigeon Forge Tourism Development Zone and delegating authority to the city manager of the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, to prepare and complete such application was presented for approval. Chris Bessler with Cumberland Securities presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 2023-922 declaring the intent of the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to reimburse itself for certain expenditures in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) relating to municipal projects of the city with the proceeds of bonds or other debt obligations to be issued by the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented for approval. Chris Bessler with Cumberland Securities presented. It was noted that this does not authorize the city to issue bonds but instead allows the city to reimburse itself for work done on projects if bonds are issued. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 2023-923 authorizing the issuance of not to exceed fifteen million and no/100 dollars (\$15,000,000) general obligation bonds, series 2023 of the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented for approval. Chris Bessler with Cumberland Securities presented. It was noted that that this was one of the two resolutions that the state requires to issue bonds. The city would still need to adopt a separate resolution if the decision was made to issue bonds. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration to donate a surplus vehicle from the street department to Sevier Solid Waste was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of proposal from Cannon and Cannon for engineering design services for Henderson Springs Road water and sewer line extension was presented for approval. Will Littlejohn with Cannon & Cannon presented. It was noted that the contract was in the amount of \$73,180. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of proposal from Cannon & Cannon for engineering design services for Jayell Road waterline extension was presented for approval. Will Littlejohn with Cannon & Cannon presented. It was noted that the contract was in the amount of \$133,000. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of annual rate changes to the city's master service agreement with SSR was presented for approval. Josh Bruce with SSR presented. It was noted that increase is an average of 3.6% for civil based positions. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid from Charles Blalock and Sons for the construction of the greenway from Patriot Park to Dollywood Lane and accepting additional funding from TDOT was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the bid in the amount of \$3,293,798. The city has already received a grant in the amount of \$949,654 towards this project. TDOT has agreed to fully match the project 80% state, 20% local for an additional \$1,685,384.40 with total local match in the amount of \$658,759.60. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of CEI services for the Greenway project from Patriot Park to Dollywood Lane from Gresham Smith was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and stated that this would be an 80% state match and 20% local match. The contract is in the amount of \$339,885. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of engineering services for a flood study for a proposed walkway from the LeConte Center parking lot to the greenway was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and stated FEMA is requiring a flood study before the will consider approval of the project. The cost is \$17,000. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the replacement gutter grating for the indoor pool at the community center from Mid-America Pool Renovation was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the

bid in the amount of \$37,000. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase two replacement copiers, one for the public works administration office and one for the library from RJ Young Company utilizing the GSA contract was presented for approval. IT Director Ogle presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$12,919.47 each. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a pure data storage array for the IT department from Insight Public Sector utilizing the Omnia Partners IT products and services contract was presented for approval. IT Director Ogle presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$51,957.43. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase an Iteris travel time monitoring system for the IT department from Southern Lighting & Traffic Systems utilizing the TDOT statewide enterprise license was presented for approval. IT Director Ogle presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$41,980. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a TDOT grant for the mass transit department to offset the costs of two trolleys was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Wilhoite presented and stated that TDOT is awarding residual funding for one of our previous grants. The grant was 785311-S3-058 and residual amount of \$41,717. The breakdown is \$35,459.80 federal, \$3,128.10 state, and \$3,129.10 local. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. The city election is tomorrow May 9, 2023.
2. The next city council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2023.
3. The planning commission will meet on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
4. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
5. Construction on the next phase of the Westside Connector will begin May 15, 2023 and go through August 2024.

6. Governor Bill Lee and Tennessee Department of Tourist Development Commissioner Ezell will be at the LeConte Center tomorrow to share statewide data for 2022.
7. The 2023-2024 draft budget books will be ready for council to pick up and start review on Monday, May 15.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER